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2. Special Pursuit Brigade
3. Anti-aircraft EmplacementsDATE OF
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1. There are at present five divisions in the Albanian Army.¹ Owing to the fact that military units are constantly being moved from one area to another, it is almost impossible to pinpoint the location of specific units.

2. [redacted] the Albanian Army has triangular-type divisions. Their table of organization and equipment is as follows: 50X1-HUM

a. Three regiments per division:

Full regimental strength	1245 officers and men
Actual regimental strength	800 officers and men

b. Three battalions per regiment:

Full battalion strength	405 officers and men
Actual battalion strength	200 officers and men

c. Three companies per battalion:

Full company strength	108 officers and men
Actual company strength	50 officers and men

d. One machine gun company per battalion:

Full strength	81 officers and men
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This company is always kept at full strength and has the following armament:

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9 Marx heavy machine guns
12 light machine guns D.P. model²

- e. Each battalion has an organic automatic rifle squad.
- f. One signal squad is organic to each battalion.
- g. Three squads per company:

Full squad strength	36 men
Actual squad strength	16 men

- 3. Army morale is low. The men are constantly under the watchful eyes of their officers and of informers who are placed in each unit.

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- 4. [redacted] unit of the Special Pursuit Brigade go through their physical training exercises for one hour. After the exercises, the men were placed under guard within their compound. Members of this Brigade are never allowed to contact anyone outside of their unit. Family or friends who wish to see them are allowed 5 to 10 minutes for each visit within hearing distance of an officer.

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- 5. Anti-aircraft fire was reported as seen in the Vlone area on the night of 1 May 1952. As far as can be ascertained, the plane was not hit nor its identity established.

[redacted] the following anti-aircraft emplacements:

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- a. Saseno
- b. Karaburun
- c. Kodras
- d. Kocilji (sic - Kocelja ?)
- e. Kamina (sic)
- f. Kurtza Babo (sic)
AA guns here are of light medium caliber.
- g. Vlone
There is a heavy AA gun emplacement on the roof of the Executive Committee Building which was formerly occupied by the Italian Consulate.

- 6. In the Diber area there is one unidentified division equipped with German and Soviet arms. The entire border area from Librazhd to Kukes is guarded.

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- 1. [redacted] Comment: [redacted]
there are only three divisions in the Albanian Army;
- 2. [redacted] Comment: The light machine gun referred to is probably the Soviet Degtyarov 7.62 1938 light machine gun, well-known for its simplicity and reliability.

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